

As part of the continued community outreach effort associated with the I-94 Rehabilitation Project, Public Hearings were held on March 5, 2001 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and on March 6, 2001 at Kettering Sr. High School. The hearings provided the public an opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions, and have their concerns added to the public record. Members of the community were welcomed between the hours of 3:30 – 5:30 PM and 7:00 – 8:30 PM each day. Over 200 hundred people attended the sessions.

The I-94 Public Hearing was an open house format, featuring a number of displays and an informational video explaining the project. I-94 project staff from the Michigan Department of Transportation and the consultant team of Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan were available to answer questions, and court recorders were also present to formally document public comments and concerns.

Information regarding the public involvement process, the three Practical Alternatives (No-Build, Enhanced No-Build, and Build; see Chapter 4 of the DEIS), and impacts associated with the alternatives were featured at the hearings. In addition, photo simulations depicting the Build Alternative were presented, giving the community a preview of what this alternative might look like should it be chosen as the Recommended Alternative. Many of these exhibits can be found in the I-94 DEIS.

The formal public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has officially ended May 11, 2001. Comments can still be submitted using the following:

- * Email (**lopezjos@mdot.state.mi.us**)
- * I-94 Website Comment Form (**<http://www.mdot.state.mi.us/i94rehab>**)
- * Write to: Jose Lopez
Michigan Department of Transportation
State Transportation Building
425 W. Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48909

The public comments are currently being compiled and are being used to assist in the determination of the Recommended Alternative and the preparation of the Final EIS. From there, the Michigan Department of Transportation would seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration (Record of Decision).

This DEIS complies with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, and guidelines and requirements of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

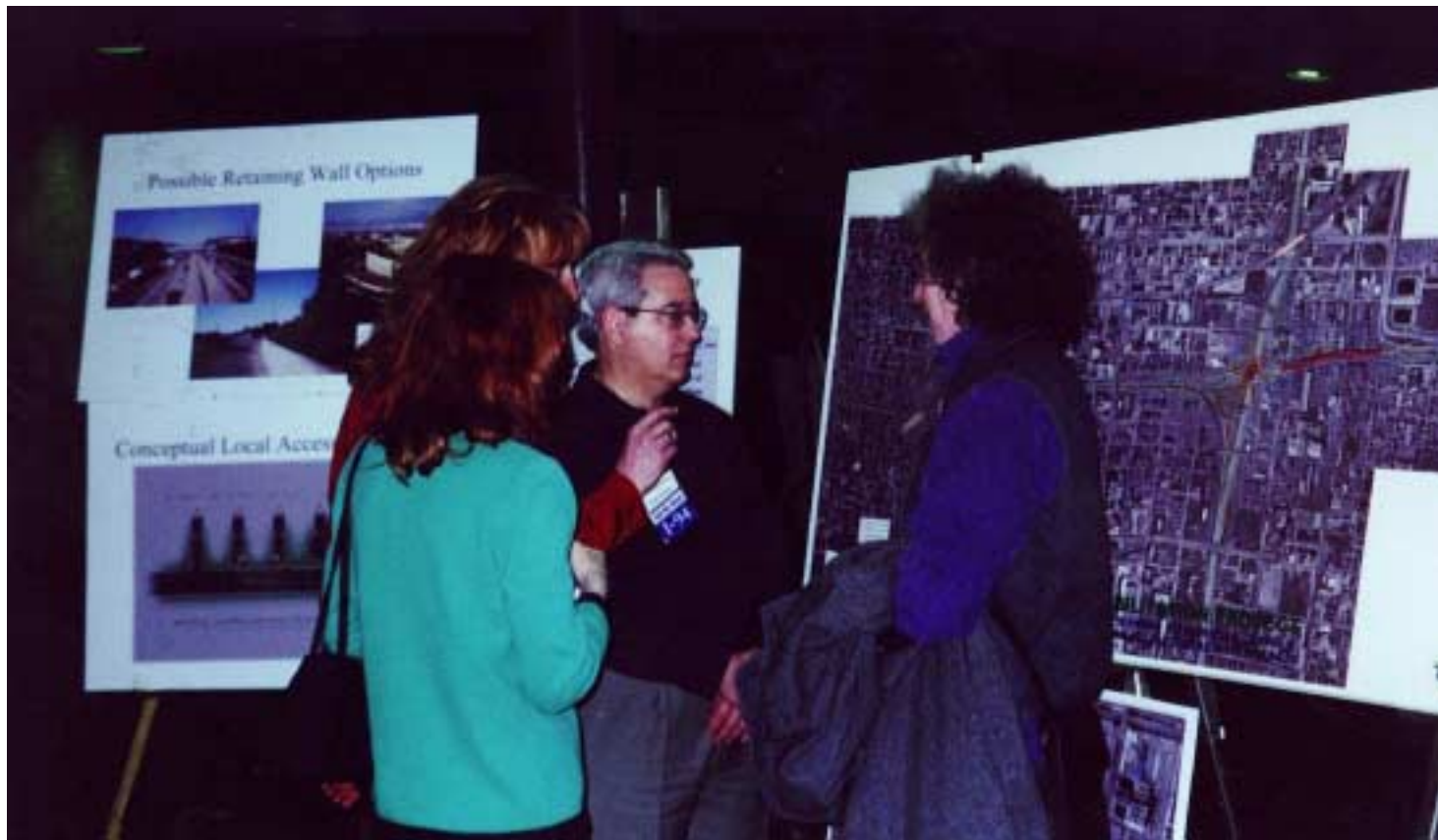
The following are some of the photos taken at the I-94 Public Hearing.



I-94 project staff help explain the features of the Build Alternative at the Museum of African American History, March 5, 2001



Members of the community review the potential impacts associated with the Build Alternative at Kettering Sr. High School, March 6, 2001



A group discusses potential solutions to reduce impacts to neighborhoods at Kettering Sr. High School, March 6, 2001



Community members examine the conceptual photo simulations of the Build Alternative at the Museum of African American History, March 5, 2001

Exhibits Showing Potential Impact Solutions of the Build Alternative at
the Museum of African American History, March 5, 2001

